

Remarks/Arguments:

Amendments to the Claims

Independent claim 1, and dependent claims 2-7, have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claims the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Claim 1 has been amended for the purpose of improved clarity, and the amendment does not alter the scope or meaning of the claims as originally drafted. Applicant thanks the Examiner for providing a replacement for Claim 1 deemed to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112. Amended Claim 1 adds no new matter. Claims 8-17 have been allowed by the examiner.

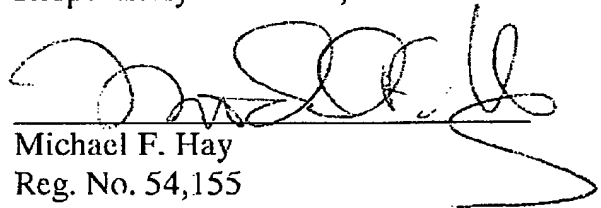
Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Office Action has rejected Claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. §112 as failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Office Action states that there is an inconsistency between the language of the preamble and that of the body of the claim making the scope unclear. Claim 1 has been amended in a manner consistent with the suggestions of the examiner to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which is regarded as the invention. Therefore, because amended Claim 1 properly points out and claims the subject matter regarded as the invention, rejection is improper and should be withdrawn. Similarly, rejection of

Claims 2-7 depending from Claim 1 should also be withdrawn. Reconsideration and allowance of all claims is respectfully requested.

Applicant does not believe any fees are due at this time, however the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees associated with this communication to deposit account 501285. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding this communication, the undersigned can be contacted to expedite the resolution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Hay', is written over a horizontal line.

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